

Appl. No. 10/708,873
Amdt. dated December 13, 2005
Reply to Office action of September 19, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Rejection of claims 1, 2, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e):

Claims 1, 2, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Laatu (US 2005/0148316).

Response:

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Claim 1 now contains the limitations previously found in claim 2, and claim 2 has subsequently been cancelled. No new matter has been entered through this amendment. As a result of this amendment, both claim 1 and claim 9 contain the limitation of "a mobile phone network verifying that dialed local emergency telephone number is part of the LECAN database of the current geographic location" before the telephone call is made using emergency telephone call priority. The present invention performs this step in order to avoid fraudulent use of the emergency telephone call priority. Therefore, the mobile phone network verifies that the dialed telephone number is an emergency telephone number before upgrading the priority of the phone call.

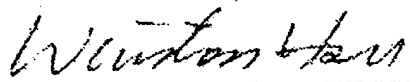
On the other hand, Laatu only teaches that a smart card contained in a mobile phone for storing emergency phone numbers compares a specific code (such as *911) dialed by the user with information in the smart card to bring up a list of available emergency centers. Laatu teaches in paragraph 0021 that this information is stored in the USIM smart card. Therefore Laatu merely teaches the use of a look-up table stored in the smart card for converting the specific code *911 into the telephone number of an emergency center. Laatu does not teach the mobile phone network doing any phone number verification or any other similar action, as is recited in claims 1 and 9. For these reasons, Laatu does not fully anticipate all of the limitations contained in claims 1 and 9.

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Claims 3-8 and 10-14 are dependent on independent claims 1 and 9, and should be allowed if claims 1 and 9 are allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1 and 3-14 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above statements in favor of patentability, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Sincerely yours,



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